

REMARKS

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement with respect to the claims pending in the application. Two inventions are specified:

I. Claims 1 through 17 and 25 through 26 are said to be drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 11.

II. Claims 18 through 24 are said to be drawn to a device, classified in class 73, subclass 775.

Applicant is hereby electing to prosecute the claims in invention I., the method Claims 1 through 17 and 25 through 26.

Claims 18 through 24 are being withdrawn, to be prosecuted in a subsequent divisional application if desired.

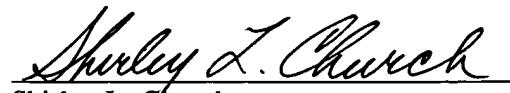
This election is made without traverse.

Since Claim 25 is a method claim which is tied closely to the apparatus used to carry out the method, and since Claim 25 referenced Claim 18 which has been withdrawn, Claim 25 had to be amended to provide references to some apparatus elements which were needed to provide an antecedent basis for portions of Claim 25. The amendment of Claim 25 is supported by the application as originally filed and by the content of originally-filed Claim 18, from which the recitations of particular apparatus elements were selected for placement into Claim 25 to provide a complete claim.

Applicant contends that Claims 1 through 17 and 25 through 26 are now allowable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment to Claim 25 and to pass the presently pending claims to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to make any suggestions, she is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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